

common stock, made public the earnings for the quarter ending December 31st, were \$25,485, compared with \$27,066.24 the corresponding quarter, and \$22,553,006 the corresponding quarter a year ago. The surplus of the quarter was \$5,142,451, a decrease of \$0,572 as compared with the quarter ending September 30, 1908, and a decrease of \$4,215,823 as compared with the last quarter of 1907. The net earnings for the quarter were \$21,011,663, a decrease of \$295,754. Unfilled orders on hand totaled 609,325 tons, against 3,621,977 three months ago, and 4,624,343 a year ago.

### FISH SLAUGHTERED

Thousand Men Help Themselves From Famous Mill Pond

VALDOSTA, GA., January 26.—Over 90,000 men, drawn from half a dozen counties, took part in an immense fish slaughter at the famous Banks mill pond near Mill Town, to-day, when the pond, normally covering 10,000 acres, was reduced to 700 acres, so the mills could be repaired, and the great stock of fish was slaughtered. The fish caught ranged as high as twenty pounds. The "catch" had been diversified, and the fishermen paid \$1.50 each for the privilege of helping themselves. The scene has probably had few counterparts. The water was lowered to a depth of from one to three feet, and the fish could be caught with the hands. Six nets were used, and buckets were used, and the total catch weighed many thousand pounds.

### HARRIMAN'S POLICY

Will Spend \$10,000,000 if State Ceases to Antagonize

AUGUSTA, GA., January 26.—At a banquet in his honor, given by the Augusta Chamber of Commerce at the Country Club grounds to-night, E. H. Harriman outlined the policy of his railroads in the State of Georgia, and a condensed form they are as follows:—If the State will cease to be antagonistic to the railroad's interest he will spend \$10,000,000 on the Central of Georgia Railroad, which road is the chief factor, and which will improve the property of the other railroads will have to do likewise.

Mr. Harriman left to-night for the North.

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School Board does not include the \$5,500 that was spent last year for the winter was to come out of this year's budget. The cost of a night school and a small amount for the kindergarten are included in the total that the School Board asks for yearly expenses.

Mr. Abbott objected to the appropriation of \$1,274 for building a new stack at the pumping station, but as the contract had been let, and the foundation started, his motion to strike that amount out was defeated. Mr. Abbott then criticized the Water Commission for letting the contract before it had the money in hand.

Shortly before the meeting of the Finance Committee the Board of Aldermen met and authorized the borrowing of \$5,000 for current expenses.

### Installation Ceremonies.

Stonewall Jackson Aerle of Eagles met last night, and the following officers were installed by Past Worthy President D. L. Toney: C. L. Ezell, worthy president; William Williams, worthy vice-president; Charles Yordley, worthy treasurer; George W. Jewett, secretary; Clarence Fortune, conductor; Alexander Marshall, inside guard; J. O. Belcher, outside guard; Russell Dowdy, D. L. Toney and William Williams, trustees. The aerle voted to give \$10 to the City Mission to be used for charity. Six applications for membership were received.

### Will Not Change Stream.

After thoroughly considering the petition of Mr. T. F. Carrington, asking that the city turn aside a stream of water now running through his property, at the corner of Porter and Seventh Streets, the Street Committee at its meeting last night voted not to recommend the matter to the Council.

A part of the petition asking that he be granted the privilege of occupying a side track to the lot will be favorably reported to the Council. In the opinion of the committee it is no the city's business to take care of the stream, and Mr. Carrington is entitled to the property when Mr. Carrington acquires it.

### Crowds Increase.

The revival service at Central Church last night showed a decided increase in attendance over the previous night, and interest in the meetings seems to be increasing. The Rev. Mr. Peters again preached the sermon, taking as his text, Romans, II, 4.6. His subject was "The Peril of the Wicked." The singing was very good, especially a duet by Mrs. Alexander Fitzgerald and Miss Hazel Styles, with the solo, "Will Take Care." Mr. J. S. Renner led the choir and there were several city

A white man charged with fighting in the streets was fined \$7.50 and costs.

Had Pool-Room to Themselves.

Ernest Wingfield and Lee Armistead, both colored, locked horns in a colored pool-room on upper Hull Street last night, and for a few minutes had the dusky sports taking to the woods in all directions. Before they came together pool-balls and cues were thrown at random, and it was no place for even the "house pigs." Officer Wright arrived on the scene and persuaded the fighters to stop by means of a heavy night stick, which he used with freedom over their heads. Wingfield had been previously thrown out of a moving picture show for disorderly conduct. They were both arrested.

### Kindergarten Association to Meet.

A meeting of the Manchester Kindergarten Association has been called for to-night at the residence of Mrs. Charles L. Page on Porter Street. Questions of importance will be discussed, and all are urged to attend.

### Personals and Briefs.

Rev. J. T. Tucker, of Forest Hill Park, is very ill with pneumonia at his home.

The Cemetery Committee held a meeting yesterday afternoon, after which it went to the cemetery to look over the grounds.

The January term of the Corporation Court will not adjourn until after February 8th, as there is a civil case set for that date.

Mr. John M. French is confined to his home on account of sickness.

Officer Arthur Fortune continues quite ill at his home in Chesterfield county.

The subject at last night's service at West M. E. Church was "Holt." A large crowd was in attendance. Mr. Harvey Clark beautifully sang "Almost."

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